

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
May 19, 2014

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order. All members were present.

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Spahr brought back the information and asked the Board if they had made any decision on replacing the carpet in the Circuit Court room. He brought revised bids for the carpet. Judge Spahr would appreciate them considering carpeting the entire room to help control the noise level. Commissioner West stated he has been working on the budget and does not feel like we can afford to do it. Commissioner Francis said that there are a lot of things that need to be done and will have to come out of Cumulative Courthouse and is not sure we will be able to afford the carpeting of the courtroom either. Commissioner Hamman stated that if there were any way possible he would like to see it done. The Board asked him to bring it back in August.

Judge Spahr informed the Board that all 3 Judges have discussed allowing Ole Olson Theatre to use one of their courtrooms for a play and they do not have an issue with it. They do feel it would be beneficial to have a visual barrier to the rest of the courthouse. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to allow Ole Olson to use one of the courtrooms for the play. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 5-5-14 minutes. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

On May 12<sup>th</sup> the Board of Commissioners reviewed and approved the May 16th payroll.

CLAIMS

On May 12<sup>th</sup> the Board of Commissioners reviewed and approved the claims.

FINAL PAY FOR EMPLOYEES

Commissioner West received an email from an IT employee who left the employment of the County (other employment) stating they did not feel it was right to have to come in and pick up their final pay. Commissioner West asked the Auditor why they had to do that because it was not in the handbook. The Auditor stated that it is to protect the County. It gives the Auditor time to ensure the employee has turned in all county property and the employee does not owe the County any money. The Personnel Handbook states (first paragraph on page 20) "Upon termination of employment, the employee's final pay shall be picked up at the Auditor's office upon return of all county issued property including this handbook". Commissioner West made a motion to authorize the Auditor to send the final check by mail. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

INDOT

INDOT informed the Board that they will be doing road construction on St. Rd. 18 and requested to detour traffic from 800E to 1400S to 1050E and back to 18. Commissioner West made a motion to authorize the detour. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

VENDING MACHINES

The VEN vending company came before the Board to talk about supplying the vending machines for the courthouse. They would like to be the sole vendor for the Courthouse and will ensure the machines are filled often and will have a variety of items. Commissioner West made a motion to grant the VEN Company to be the sole provider for the vending machines as of June 13<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## BUDGETS

The Board of Commissioners and the Miami County Council requested that Department Heads/Elected Officials do not put raises in the budgets they are submitting for 2015 so they can look at the income and expenditures anticipated and how much would be available for them to give in raises. It would also save a lot of time because the raises are put in, taken out or the % changes which causes a lot of time to be spent in re-calculating. The Recorder took issue with that and contacted the AIC. David Bottorff, President of the AIC stated “they cannot stop you from asking for a raise when you submit your budget, however the Council has the final say on who gets a raise and how much that raise is.

## MAXIMUS CONTRACT

The Clerk asked for the Board to sign an addendum to the Maximus contract. Commissioner West made a motion to sign the addendum. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## ROOF REPAIR

Herb Parsons came before the Board to discuss the leaks in the northeast and southeast corners of the courthouse. He said he will do some calking around those areas but anything more would be out of his realm and they would have to have someone else look at it.

## TREASURER

Treasurer Becky Morris asked the Board to sign the Gov Tech contract. Commissioner West made a motion to sign the contract. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Treasurer Morris requested to have VPN access during the 10 weeks she will be off in the fall. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Treasurer also informed the Board that collections are 88.5%.

## VETERAN OFFICER

Jay Kendall informed the Board that the county received the \$481 for his computer.

Mr. Kendall also asked for them to sign his contract that would allow him to attend training. Commissioner West made a motion to sign the contract. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen will be attending an INDOT meeting on Thursday.

## MCEDA

Mr. Tidd explained that NIPSCO submitted several plans for an Electric Improvement Plan which includes the installment of new wires. Several options were presented and Mr. Tidd explained that several of the options could present a problem for the runway. After some discussion, Commissioner West made a motion to send a letter to NIPSCO asking to eliminate Section 22. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Tidd also spoke to the Board concerning the repair to the ramp at Grissom and requested to go before the Council to ask that \$330,700 be appropriated from C.E.D.I.T. to do the repair. Commissioner West made a motion to allow Mr. Tidd to address the Council this month to ask for the appropriation (the Council cannot act on it this month due to it not being advertised). Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to recess until 2. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## RECESS

## BACK IN SSSION

HEATING AND COOLING BIDS  
There were two bids received.

BOWMANS HEATING AND COOLING    \$\$23,000 year

MC CONTRACTING                    \$\$9,000 year

Commissioner West made a motion to hire MC Contracting beginning July 1, 2014 for \$9,000 yearly. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.  
(Commissioner Francis will notify both parties)

HIGHWAY SUPOERVISOR  
After reviewing the resumes, Commissioner Hamman made a motion to appoint Mike Sisson to the position of Highway Supervisor (at the Supervisor pay level) effective May 20, 2014. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

IT  
The Commissioner discussed the backlog of computer upgrades and the installation of software on approximately 50 computers. Commissioner West made a motion to hire E & S to complete the work for an amount not to exceed \$5,937.50 (to be paid out of the unused amount in the 3<sup>rd</sup> IT person line). Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Hamman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**Adjourned**

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**  
**Joshua Francis**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Vice Chairman**  
**Larry West**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Member**  
**Jerry Hamman**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Auditor**  
**Jane Lilley**